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In re application of:

Nathan S. Lewis et al

Serial No. 09/842,204

Filed: April 24, 2001

For: SPATIOTEMPORAL AND GEOMETRIC OPTIMIZATION OF SENSOR
ARRAYS FOR DETECTING ANALYTES FLUIDS:

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DECISION ON
PETITION

This is a response to the PETITION TO WITHDRAW NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT, filed June 14, 2004. The petition requests that the abandonment, as set forth in the Notice of Abandonment of May 24, 2004, for failure to timely file a proper response to the Office letter dated September 24, 2003 be withdrawn. The petitioner asserts that applicants timely filed a proper response on October 20, 2003.

DECISION

The instant request is accepted as a timely petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.181 (no fee).

A review of the petitioner's evidence provided with the instant petition indicates that the request has merit. The evidence presented is sufficient to establish that the applicants did file the proper response to the Office letter of September 24, 2003 in a timely manner. The evidence provided includes: 1) a copy of the Response to the Office letter of September 24, 2003 with an executed Certificate of Mailing on October 23, 2003; and 2) a copy of the returned stamped postcard confirming receipt of the Response by the USPTO dated October 27, 2004.

Therefore, the abandonment is hereby withdrawn, and the application is returned to



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pending status. The application will be forwarded to the Technical Support Staff for entering of the Response dated October 20, 2003 and then forwarded to the examiner for prompt consideration.

The Petition is **GRANTED**.

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